

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. For the reasons set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is allowable over the cited references.

The non-final Office Action dated October 6, 2003, indicated that claims 2 and 14 are objected to; claims 1-3, 5 and 8-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over *Little et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,204,846); claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *Little et al.* and in view of *Mugura et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,977,975); claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *Little et al.* and in view of *Gibb et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,225,996); and claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over *Little et al.* and *Xia et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 6,252,594).

Regarding the claim objections, Applicant has amended claims 14 and 2 in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions: claim 14 is now dependent upon claim 13 and in claim 2, the forms of "actuating" have been changed to forms of "activating." Applicant has also amended claims 8 and 13 to correct punctuation.

The instant invention is directed to, for example in claim 1, using a helper character that represents a portion of the information corresponding to the searching position. Applicant has amended each of independent claims 1, 8, 10, 11 and 13, to further clarify that the helper character is representative of at least some of the information corresponding to the searching position (or "a portion" in the list). These amendments, which more expressly characterize that which is already implicit in the original claim, are consistent with the teaching in Applicant's Specification (e.g., page 6, lines 5-22 and Figure 2).

Applicant respectfully traverses each of the prior art rejections because the Office Action fails to present a reference or combination of references that teaches each of the claimed limitations. The primary cited '846 reference fails to teach a helper character representative of a portion in the list (the information corresponding to the searching position). The pop-up window of Figure 7 in the '846 reference merely indicates the subset of data being displayed via the location within a numbered list. The pop-up fails to be representative of the data corresponding to the searching position. Without

complete correspondence to each of the claimed limitations, the §102 prior art rejection cannot stand.

With regards to the remaining prior art rejections, each of the prior art rejections rely upon the '846 reference which fails to correspond to the claimed invention for the reasons above. Accordingly, Applicant submits that each of the rejections is improper and should be withdrawn.

The above discussion presented in connection with the cited prior art merely sets forth reasons as to why the rationale presented in the Office Action fails to align and correspond the cited prior art with the invention as claimed. No amendments were made to the claims with respect to this reference and it is believed that, after a careful review of the cited art, no arguments should be required to explain why the cited art is significantly different from the claimed invention. New claim 16 largely corresponds to claim 1 and merely manifests Applicant's long-accepted right to press alternative claims covering different aspects of Applicant's disclosed invention.

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In view of the remarks above, Applicant believes that each of the rejections in has been overcome and the application is in condition for allowance. Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is asked to contact the agent overseeing the application file, Mr. Peter Zawilski, of Philips Corporation at (408) 474-9063.

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